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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 15, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Many of you have already made legislative recommendations to the Executive Office under established procedures, or have participated in preliminary discussions of legislation with White House staff. These are now under careful study.

As I did last year, however, I am again asking each of you personally to consider the legislative or other proposals which I should make to the second session of the 89th Congress and to the Nation in my State of the Union Address.

I would like you to suggest specific draft material relating to your area of responsibility which might suitably be included in the State of the Union Message. The material should come to my Special Assistant, Joseph A. Califano, Jr. by December 3d. The Bureau of the Budget should receive brief descriptions of any legislative proposals in support of State of the Union material which you submit by the same date, if such proposals have not already been submitted through usual channels. It is particularly important that legislative proposals be transmitted to this second session of the 89th Congress early in the session. Draft legislation must be submitted for the usual review and coordination at a sufficiently early date to make this possible.

I am seeking your assistance in developing and perfecting imaginative programs which will maintain our security, continue our prosperity, and improve the quality of life for all. But next year -- more than ever before -- you must press forward in your search for new programs to increase governmental efficiency, to eliminate waste wherever it is found, and to modernize our Government.

hyphs John

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